

### ABSTRACT

Disclosed is a process for preparing a 6-chloro-2,5-dicarbonamido phenol compounds comprising a step employing a 2-alkyl-6-aminobenzoxazole to  
5 form a 2-alkyl-6-amino-7-chlorobenzoxazole in which the 2-alkyl group is unbranched at the  $\alpha$  carbon. It also provides intermediate compounds useful in the process. The process provides a simple and safe way to prepare 6-chloro-2,5-dicarbonamido phenol compounds in good yield.

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